



Maryland Community Health System

Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 26 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance

Hearing Date: March 21, 2023

Position: Support

Maryland Community Health System supports *Senate Bill 26 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children’s Health Program, and Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance*. The bill provides for a workgroup to framework for ensuring people who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to enroll seamlessly into Medicaid. We support this initiative because it could remove extra steps to enrollment in Medicaid, thereby reducing the barriers to obtain Medicaid coverage. Maryland has made tremendous progress in reducing the number of uninsured, but the remaining 6.5% fall into communities with fewest resources. Coverage is a critical strategy in improving their health outcomes.¹

We ask for a favorable report on this bill. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

¹ <https://www.kff.org/state-category/health-coverage-uninsured/?state=md>